

## CABINET

Decision Notices and Minutes of a meeting of the Cabinet held on  
Thursday, 18 May 2017 at 5.00pm at Addenbrooke House, Ironmasters Way,  
Telford

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(DEADLINE FOR CALL-IN: TUESDAY, 30 MAY 2017)

**Present:** Councillors S Davies (Leader and Chair), L D Carter, E A Clare, A R H England, A D McClements, R A Overton, G C W Reynolds, H Rhodes and P R Watling.

**Also Present:** Councillors A J Eade (Conservative Group Leader) and W L Tomlinson (Liberal Democrat/Independent Group Leader).

**CB-087      Apologies for Absence**

None.

**CB-088      Declarations of Interest**

Councillors E A Clare and A R H England declared an interest in minute number CB-090 (Proposed 3G Pitch Development) due to their membership of the Telford Trust and both indicated that they would withdraw from the meeting during determination thereof.

**CB-089      Minutes**

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**CB-090      Proposed 3G Pitch Development**

*(In accordance with their declarations of interest Councillors E A Clare and A R H England left the room during determination of the following application.)*

**Key Decision** identified as **3g Pitch Development** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 19 April 2017.

Councillor, R A Overton, Cabinet Member: Housing, Leisure & Health, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Commercial Services which proposed that Cabinet approve (subject to planning permission) the development of a 3G artificial turf pitch to increase the usage of the playing fields adjacent to Telford Ski Centre. Since the playing fields adjacent to the Ski Centre were protected under the Council's Green Guarantee, any disposal or change of use was required to be determined by the Cabinet. In this regard, it was noted that the proposals were consistent with the intentions of Green Guarantee protection in terms of the projected level of

community admissions and the associated health benefits, and it was proposed that the new 3G pitch would remain under the protection of the Green Guarantee in the long term.

As part of the Council's Building Schools of the Future (BSF) programme the sports facilities at Madeley Court had closed in December 2011 and were replaced by new school and community facilities on the Abraham Darby site. Due to site constraints it had been determined that the artificial turf pitch would be re-provided elsewhere as part of the programme. The Council's 2016 Playing Pitch Strategy had identified the need for one additional 3G pitch within the borough and specifically highlighted the current lack of community access to 3G pitch provision in South Telford.

The proposed facility was designed to meet with the latest Sport England technical standards and would replace the former Madeley Court artificial turf pitch, which was originally funded by the Big Lottery, and provide associated changing rooms and car parking provision. The proposed development would provide a high quality valuable community resource, improve sport and physical activity opportunities and generate significant additional usage and income. Based upon usage data from similar council facilities it was anticipated that the 3G pitch would generate in the region of 42,000 community admissions from both adults and juniors, bringing with it the associated physical activity and health benefits.

Members welcomed the proposals and noted that if the project progressed, the target date for completion would be April 2018, which would coincide with and be part of the celebrations of Telford's 50<sup>th</sup> year.

**RESOLVED that –**

- (a) the current protected status of the playing fields under the Council's Green Guarantee, which is to remain in place be noted and the proposed development of the 3G artificial turf pitch, changing rooms and car park be approved (subject to planning);**
- (b) the use of £427k from the 2016/17 contingency to part fund this project be approved; and**
- (c) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Commercial Services (or any officer authorised in writing by that Assistant Director) in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure and Health to agree and enter into and complete any contracts, land transfers and any other arrangements and documentation and take any required procedural steps to develop the 3G artificial turf pitch, changing rooms and car park as described in this report.**

*(Councillors E A Clare and A R H England returned to the room.)*

**CB-091      Children's and Adults ICT Systems Review, Procurement and Implementation**

**Key Decision** identified as **Children's and Adults ICT Systems Review, Procurement and Implementation** in the Notice of Key Decisions published on 19 April 2017.

All Cabinet Members confirmed that they had read and understood the provided supporting information which was exempt from publication by virtue of Paragraph 3 Part 1 Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972. No representations had been received for this information to be considered in public

Councillor, P R Watling, Cabinet Member: Children, Young People & Communities, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Early Help & Support and Director of Children's and Adult's Services which explained that the Early Help & Support Service was planning a review of business needs with a view to scoping a specification for the implementation of an ICT system (or systems) suitable to meet the wider needs of Children's and Adults Services. It was proposed that the report be considered as an exception to the usual quarterly Procurement Update report due to the nature and significant positive impact this project and its implementation would have on a number of service areas in the Council. Progress would be reported through the regular procurement update.

Current contracts for the case management systems (children's and adults) were due to end on 31st March 2018. Telford & Wrekin Council Officers had worked alongside Shropshire Council with their scoping and procurement for a new, all age, case management system to ensure that, should the need arise, Telford & Wrekin Council could also access the same contract through a valid procurement process.

A number of opportunities and benefits were noted, including reducing costs, duplication and overlaps, reducing bureaucracy and silo working, and promoting more collaborative working. There were also benefits to procuring the same system as Shropshire Council including economies of scale, sharing of expertise, integration opportunities and potentially substantial discounts.

The ongoing operational costs of the new system were forecast at £163K per year, which was within the cost of the current system and would result in an ongoing cost reduction of around £46K per annum from 2019/20. The implementation of the proposed system solution was estimated to cost around £1.59m over an 18 month period to October 2018, which included a 10% contingency in addition to the cost of purchase, implementation and hosting, and the cost of the project team needed to support the full implementation of such a significant system. Funding was available in the 2017/18 and 2018/19 capital programme, the revenue implications of which were already part of the Council's revenue budget strategy.

In response, to questions from Councillor W L Tomlinson, the Liberal Democrat/Independent Group Leader, it was advised that the proposed supplier had 70% of the market share and during the robust procurement process, their work with other Local Authorities had been considered. The lifespan of the system would

depend on the contract and performance, which was expected to be at least 5 years and up to 10 years.

**RESOLVED** that –

- (a) authority be delegated to the Assistant Director: Early Help and Support, in consultation with cabinet member(s) responsible for children's and adults social care, to proceed with the next stage of procurement for a Children's and Adults ICT solution, including the Social Care Case Management System and to award the contract and adopt the appropriate process in accordance with the Constitution for the Assistant Direct: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning to conclude all legal formalities for any subsequent contract on behalf of the budget holder;
- (b) funding for the project, implementation and ongoing support and maintenance of the system(s) and programme team be confirmed and approved;
- (c) the procurement of the preferred suppliers, resulting from the recent robust joint procurement process with Shropshire Council, following a review of the high level specification, within a 3 months' timeframe be agreed; and
- (d) the permissible short extension of the existing contracts to cover the implementation period, if the new system cannot go live until October 2018 be agreed.

**CB-092      Draft Annual Governance Statement 2016/17**

**Non Key Decision**

Councillor, S Davies, Leader, presented the report of the Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement and Commissioning which proposed that the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 be agreed prior to the statement being signed by the Leader and Managing Director. The Statement would then be sent to the Audit Committee for review and approval and would accompany the 2016/17 annual accounts. Cabinet was also requested to approve an updated Local Code of Good Governance which had been further revised to reflect the requirements of new CIPFA/SOLACE guidance.

**RESOLVED** that –

- (a) the Annual Governance Statement 2016/17, attached to the report as Appendix A be agreed and the information in the report be noted; and
- (b) the updated Local Code of Good Governance attached as Appendix C to the report be approved.

The meeting ended at 5.16pm

**Signed for the purposes of the Decision Notices**

Jonathan Eatough  
Assistant Director: Governance, Procurement & Commissioning  
Date: 24 May 2017

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